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- Oct. 31 **ODH strengthened its protocols** for managing travelers returning from West African nations that have Ebola outbreaks. Standards range from daily health checks by public health officials to 21-day home quarantine for those with direct contact to a potentially infected person.
- Oct. 23 **ODH and the Ohio Hospital Association announced** that 100% of Ohio hospitals have completed Ebola preparedness and response drills.
- Oct. 22 **Representatives from ODH, CDC, Ohio Hospital Association and local health departments provided a briefing** to media providing an update of the situation and summarizing the first week's response efforts.
- Oct. 21 **ODH evaluated new CDC guidance** for personal protective equipment (PPE) when treating potential cases of Ebola to determine what, if any, additional PPE the Department should acquire to add to its stockpile.
- Nearly 100 percent of Ohio hospitals** reported completing recommended drills to practice how to manage suspected cases of Ebola and put on and remove PPE.
- Oct. 20 **ODH voiced support for new steps by Summit County** to protect first responders and health care workers required to respond to a request for help from someone currently quarantined or monitored for possible Ebola exposure.
- The state Controlling Board approved ODH's request** to purchase up to \$300,000 in new personal protective equipment and spend up to \$500,000 for any cleanup and disposal of any contaminated linens and other items that may be generated by suspected or confirmed Ebola patients
- Oct. 19 **ODH began issuing a daily report** summarizing the number of individuals who have been found to have contact of some type with the Dallas nurse who was in Northeast Ohio, Oct. 10-13.
- Oct. 18: **Press conference held** in Akron with Gov. John R. Kasich, Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor and several federal, state and local doctors, health care professionals and elected officials to update the public on the status of Ohio's Ebola response.
- Oct. 17: **ODH announced** it is adding to current stockpiles of health care protective equipment for frontline health care workers.
- Oct. 16: **ODH participates** in a media briefing in Summit County with state, local and federal partners.
- State Health Director Rick Hodges notified** Ohio hospitals asking that they conduct a series of training and practice drills within two days to ensure Ohio hospitals are prepared to handle a potential Ebola patient.

Gov. Kasich talked with President Barack Obama, thanking him for the CDC support staff, and informing him of Ohio's new, more aggressive quarantine measures. The President is supportive.

State officials briefed CDC on Ohio's Ebola response before travelling with the CDC to Summit County to assist with local efforts.

ODH updated infectious disease experts in Ohio and issued enhanced quarantine protocols for individuals with possible Ebola exposure.

Oct. 15: **Gov. Kasich spoke** with US Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Burwell and CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden, requesting CDC staff to support regional response efforts. As a result, CDC staff arrived in Ohio overnight.

The state of Ohio activated its Emergency Operation Center to manage Ohio's response, and initiated a 24-hour-a-day call center to answer Ohioans' questions about Ebola and the recent events.

ODH deployed state epidemiologist Dr. Mary DiOrio and other staff to Summit County to assist Ebola response efforts.

CDC notified ODH that Dallas nurse who tested positive for Ebola was in Summit County Oct. 10-13.

Oct. 14: **State conducted** an Ebola-specific tabletop exercise and preparedness seminar with stakeholders including hospitals, physicians, nurses, EMS responders and local health departments.

July-Pres.: **ODH shares Ebola preparedness** guidance with health care providers and local health departments.